

Salisbury Fire Department Activity Report- January 2007

Total Responses for Month: 272

13 Fires including buildings (Code 10)	44 Service calls (Code 50 & 60)
32 False Alarms (Code 70)	0 Weather and Natural Disaster (Code 80)
21 Hazard Conditions (Code 20 & 40)	64 EMS-Rescue Calls (Code 321)
7 Traffic Accidents (Code 322)	91 Assist other agencies including EMS (Code 311)

Note: NFIR codes are used for the above report.

Notable activities this month:

Two structure fire calls within minutes of each other. January 15, 2007- 2115 hours: Six Salisbury fire companies, the Shift Commander and the on-duty Safety Officer, as well as 5 off-duty officers responded to a reported fire at 306 North Jackson. Fire crews arrived to find one apartment with a moderate fire condition. They entered to search and extinguish the fire and found a mattress and a space heater burning. No one was at home at the time of our arrival. The fire is still under investigation by Captains Jeff Youngblood and Doug Stevens.



2203 hours: Only minutes after the North Jackson Street apartment fire was declared “under-control”, another structural fire call was dispatched for Winks BBQ at 509 Faith Road. Some of Salisbury fire crews were still committed to N. Jackson Street, therefore the remaining City Crews and an Engine Granite Quarry VFD were sent to Winks. Fortunately this was an unnecessary call, Winks was just then “firing up” their BBQ and caused a smoke and fire condition from their cooking pits.



SFD responded to 7 vehicle accidents in January, 2007

(Left) Salisbury Firefighters medically treat the injuries of a patient at a traffic accident at North Long Street and Park Avenue.

Fire Station 4: Fire Station 4 officially opened on Jan. 01, 2007. FD response times to the Lash Drive and Westcliffe areas of the City have decreased from approx. 9 minutes to 2.5 minutes. Operating from Station 4 will make a very positive difference in our ability to provide life saving services to our citizens in the western sections the City.

Arrival of the New Squad Trucks

The new fire department squad trucks arrived at the City Fleet division. It is expected take about 5 or 6 weeks to install equipment, lights, and letter the vehicle and to conduct driver training to ready the trucks for responses. To date, the present SFD Squad has replaced the bigger fire trucks on about 100 calls PER MONTH! The “Squad” concept is a very positive program for the Salisbury Fire Department.

Our firefighters are looking forward to operating new squad trucks.



Radio Shop at the FD- A meeting of representatives from City Info Tech, the Fire Department, Finance and Public Services was held to discuss the needs of Radio Installation and Repair operations in terms of shop space. It seems that IT Technician Terry Buff has been working (installing radios and lights) at the Transit Garage. Mike Crowell, City IT Director and Terry have accepted the FD’s invitation to temporarily work in the shop in Fire Station 1. This space was built as a repair garage for fire apparatus but hasn’t been used as such since the early 1980’s. The Fire Station Shop is a better alternative for the Radio Shop needs. Terry will need more space in the future with modern equipment, tools and facility amenities but the Fire Station location is a good start. More discussions are to follow.

Strategic Plan Review: A review of the SFD Five Year Strategic Plan was conducted on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. This was our “Year 2” review. The status of each of the 117 outcome statements was determined. We asked: What have we done so far? And: What do we need to do? We determined if each outcome was Completed, On Track, Deferred or Budgeted and we graded our activity for each with an Excellent, Very Good, Good, Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory score. We also assigned or reassigned the “**RED LEADER**” and accountability of each outcome to a member of the fire department staff.

Salisbury Responds to Assist Spencer Fire Department



January 23, 2007, 1648 hours- Salisbury sent two fire apparatus and two chief officers to an apartment fire at 415 North Yadkin Ave. Spencer arrived first to find heavy fire in the apartment. Salisbury’s Engine 511 assignment was to cut open the roof to release the heat and smoke from the interior of the building Salisbury FD’s total commitment time was only 47 minutes.

The Salisbury and Spencer Fire Departments have a great mutual aid relationship. Our trucks are similarly equipped and our SOPs are very similar.

Automatic Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Saves Apartment

January 24, 2007: The fire department responded to the fire alarm activating at the Sunset Manor Apartments on Sunset Drive around 10:41 pm. When firefighters arrived they found what had been a small kitchen fire. The cause of the fire in Apt. 315 was determined to be unattended cooking on the stove. The sprinkler system, which was located about 6 feet away did activate and extinguished the fire. City fire crews assisted the residents and property owner remove water from the apartment. There was only minor damage. Had the automatic alarm and sprinkler systems not been in place the fire could have potentially destroyed or severely damaged the building. No injuries were reported and the occupants spent the night with friends.

Personnel Report



Firefighter Lamar Sullivan started employment with the FD on January 30, 2007. Lamar is certified firefighter I & II. He completed fire training while serving in the Army National Guard as a firefighter. He graduated from Davie High school and was a member of the Smith Grove VFD.

Firefighter Brian Sebastian started employment with the City Fire Department on December 12, 2006. Brian is a certified FF I & II, Haz-Mat Awareness and Operations trained. He was hired from the part-time list and graduated the RCCC Fire Rescue School in 2006.



Customer Service of the Month Award: The Customer Service of the Month for January 07 is awarded to Captains Mark Thompson and Buddy Miller, Engineers Ron Herion and Darrell Nichols, and Firefighters Shawn McBride and Blake Nichols.

Service to our citizens is our Job One!

SFD is eagerly awaiting the delivery of a new 103' Quint from Crimson Fire Apparatus. The truck will feature a 1500 GPM Pump, 500 Gallon Booster tank, Remote control nozzle and tip controls; Fold-down hose-loading platform, in-cab communications, side and rear driver cameras for safer operations, high-visibility rear safety stripes, and much more.

Picture (right) is our truck in the manufacturing facility.



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